TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT OF STREET.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1939.

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my first Annual Report for the Year 1939.

This is an Interim Report as instructed by Circular 1961 of February 16th 1940 and abbreviated according to the directions of Circular 2067 of July 19th 1940.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA. 3,069 ACRES.

POPULATION. REGISTRAR GENERAL'S ESTIMATE MID 1939 - 4540.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	
BIRTHS. (live).	29	33	62	(Live Birth Rate per 1,000 (estimated population 13.65.
DEATHS.	23	21	44	(Death Rate per 1,000 of the (estimated population 9.16.

Rates for England and Wales per 1,000 population respectively:

Birth Rate. 15.0 Death Rate. 12.1

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE ... ... 1.

(Rate per 1,000 live births. ... ... 16.1.)
(Rate per 1,000 live births England and Wales ... 50.)

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL FEVER OR OTHER PUERPERAL CAUSES ... 0.

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS (RESPIRATORY) ... ... 2.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Paratyphoid Fever. 1. Measles. 1. Puerperal Pyrexia. 1.
Puerperal Fever. 1. Pneumonia. 6.

NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Respiratory. 3.

OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

As you will see from the notifications of Infectious Diseases, the Urban District was particularly free from serious outbreak during the year.

EXCEPTIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES RECOMMENDED.

Owing to the bacteriological results of analyses of the Street Water supplies being now and again recorded as 'not quite satisfactory', and as even a small infrequent pollution opens up a risk of serious water borne infection, I recommended sterilisation of the Water Supply by chlorination, the which is now being considered.

CHILD WELFARE AND MATERNITY.

The Urban District is fortunate in having in its midst a live Child Welfare Association with an efficient and progressive Clinic suitable for its needs, and amongst its many activities are Lectures on appropriate subjects.

In the course of the year the importance of Diphtheria Prophylaxis has been stressed.

In addition the Nursing Association with its capable and hard-werked nurses, is a great asset to the District.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE WAR.

The war commencing in the Autumn has raised many and varied problems owing to the added population, and in connection with the evacuated children the setting up of a sick bay for children suffering from minor illnesses was considered.

After much preliminary thought and work, sanction was received from the Ministry of Health on December 9th, to go ahead with the proposal to open a sick bay, with twelve beds, provision to be made for increasing the number to thirty beds if necessary.

The sick bay is situated at The Grange, and was opened on the 11th February 1940.

In conclusion you will be interested to note the lowness of the Death Rate forthe year.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemem,
Your obedient Servant,
J.H.C.Eglinton.
Medical Officer of Health.